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DEDICATION

We, the graduating class dedicate this 1954 Green and Gold magazine to our PARENTS, whom we believe, have done and will always do, the utmost in our behalf.

President's Message

Four years ago we began our high school education. Now we leave our alma mater to begin the most important phases of our lives. It is difficult perhaps, to realize that before each one of us lies a path unknown and uneven which must be paved by our individual efforts. However, we feel that we have been strengthened intellectually, morally, and socially to meet any crisis which the world may thrust upon us. We know that this preparation was made possible only through our teachers, parents, and benefactors.

We hereby extend our heartfelt thanks to Mr. Hinchey, for his wise counsel, guidance, and sympathetic understanding in our every need; to our parents, who by their sacrifices, have made it possible for us to receive our education.

As we join the Alumni of West Rutland High School, we share and cherish grateful memories to all who have aided us. We thank you all for your interest in helping us over a most important milestone in our lives.

Stanley Orzech

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Ralph Kenneth Williams

Raymond Francis Pluta

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OF
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Frederick Earl Backus

"Fred"

Commerical

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John Halsey Bianchi

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"Bill"

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Frederick Backus



John Bianchi



Sophie Chaple



William Czechor

Joan Beryl Fadden

"Joanie"

Commercial

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"Jimmie"

Commercial

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Janice Lorrain Gilmore

"Jan"

College Preparatory

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Therese Ann Glodzik

"Therese"

College Preparatory

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James Gallagher



Thoresa Glodzik



Janice Gilmore

Helen Mary Guardyak

"Helen"

Commerical

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Edward Martin Johnston

"Eddie"

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Kenneth Allen Keezer

"Kenny"

General

Glee Club 2,3,4; Vice-President 1; Baseball 1; Basketball 1



Helen Guardyk



Shirley Haven



Edward Johnston



Kenneth Keezer

Donald Hallie Lincoln

"Stub"

Commercial

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Carol Ella Mackerney

"Kerney"

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Irene Theresa Marchinkoski

"Irene"

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Stanislaus Valentine Orzech

"Beaver"

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Donald Lincoln



Carol Mackerney



Irene Marchinkoski



Stanley Orzech

Anno Osborne

"Ozy"

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"Pike"

Commercial

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Raymond Francis Plute

"Al"

Collego Preparatory

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Henry Lucien Socinski

"Hank"

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Anne Osborne



Richard Pecor



Raymond Pluta



Henry Socinski

Eugene Albert Wasik

"Gene"

General

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Ralph Kenneth Williams

"Ralph"

College Preparatory

Honors; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Co-Sports Editor Yearbook

Bernice Elizabeth Wilk

"Bernie"

Commercial

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Myrtha Georgia Witham

"Mert"

Commercial

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Stanley John Zavistaski

"Zavi"

Commercial

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Bernice Wilk



Myrtha Witham



Eugene Wasik



Ralph Williams



Stanley Zawistaski

Joseph Paul Vaccarella

"Penpy"

Commercial

Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4;
Baseball 1,2; Treasurer 3; Green & Gold 3,4;

Regina Evelyn Weaver

"Gina"

Commercial

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Judith Ellen Wener

"Judy"

College Preparatory

High Honors; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Concert 3,4; Home Ec. Club
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Class Will; Rotary Guest; Burlington Festival 3,4; Manchest-
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Committee 1,2,3,4

Josephine Theresa Wierzbicki

"Jody"

General

Home Ec. Club 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; J.V. Cheerleader
1; J.V. Co-cpt. 2; Varsity Cheerleader 3; Co-cpt. Varsity
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Typist 4



Joseph Vaccarella



Helena Sever



Judith Ener



Joseph Terzbleki

VALEDICTORY

NON CONFECTUS SED INITUS-NOT THE END, BUT THE BEGINNING

Tonight, at these Commencement Exercises our high school education will be formally ended.

As the word "commencement" signifies, it will not be the end, but actually the beginning of a new life for us. Among many things, we will have to assume a more mature outlook on life in order to cope with the numerous problems which confront us and no longer seem like trivialities. We will assume new and added responsibilities, and must make our own decisions concerning the future. With the spirit of self-reliance, confidence and determination they may overcome.

Each day will bring new experiences and knowledge thereby continuing for us a kind of informal education. Our American way of life demands the intelligence of its coming generations to thrive accordingly.

At the present time, the future does not appear to be too promising. We will have to meet it not with the expectation of disastrous events, but with a feeling of assurance and endurance. Therefore, it will be necessary to make the most of our education so as to fulfill our places in society as confident and upright citizens.

Careful planning for the future will be one of our major problems. Many of us are uncertain as to what our vocations shall be. Whatever we will always be thankful to our parents, friends and teachers for their helpful guidance and encouragement.

Sophie Chapla

SALUTATORY

This evening it is my proud privelege to extend to you in behalf of the class of 1954, a hearty welcome to our commencement exercise.

Standing on the threshold of life we review with happiness our four years at West Rutland High. Yet, we cannot help feeling somewhat saddened at the thought of leaving our Alma Mater.

It is at this time that we wish to extend our gratitude to our parents, teachers, and to all those who have worked unceasingly in our behalf. We pledge that your efforts in our behalf will not prove futile. Thank-you for your encouragement and faith in us.

Regardless of our position in life, the lessons and fond memories of our Alma Mater will remain deep in our hearts.

Once again we welcome you all who have assembled to participate in our graduation.

Stanley Orzech



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WE THREE



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THE SENIOR GALS



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WELL!



NICE
LOOKER



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CLASS HISTORY

It all started one day when thirty-four students representing West Rutland Graded School, St. Stanislaus School, and others from near-by communities were awarded elementary diplomas. Now, we were ready to embark upon our first big step toward a new future.

When the first day of high school came upon us, buzzing was heard throughout the building. Everyone was dressed "neat as a pin" in order to make a good impression on everyone.

It wasn't very long before the poor, unsuspecting freshmen would enter the building and all the upper classmen would be ready to "gang-up" on us to do menial tasks and perform embarrassing stunts. We would then have to spend an afternoon with decorations on our faces.

At the Freshman reception, Gene Wasik made a great impression on the audience dressed like a lady. Not knowing he was going to be dressed in this costume, his fellow students thought they had a new female member in the class.

It was nearing autumn and all the students were admiring the beautiful scenery when Miss Bliss called the first class meeting. Now it was time when we were to elect our class representatives. Officers who were selected included President, Gene Wasik; Vice-President, Donald Lincoln; Secretary-Treasurer, Katharine Davis.

There were many activities for the boys. Among them was football. Those who represented our class on the squad were Ray Pluta, Jack Dianchi, Gene Wasik, and Joseph Vaccarella.

From our class, Jody Wierzbicki and Shirley Haven were chosen on the junior varsity cheering squad. Being so ambitious and peppy they put on a tremendous show and performed effectively in each appearance.

Baseball was the springtime interest among the boys and girls. With the help of our hard-fighting Ray Pluta, the Golden Horde scored many victories and had a successful campaign.

The time for final examinations was near-at-hand. Everyone tried to do his best scholastically in order to present parents with flawless report cards and evidence of academic progress.

Miss Montgomery, our Home Economics instructor, presented a Fashion show with Myrtha Witham, Sophia Chapla, and Joan Fadden modeling an array of summer clothing.

In the annual Prize Speaking contest, Judith Wener gave a commendable performance with her rendition of Edgar Allan Poe's, "Telltale Heart."

Thus came the end of a year which proved to be new and exciting.

1951-'52

After spending a thrilling vacation, the time soon came when we were to return to the beautiful marble building. Once again, we had to dust off our books and be prepared for a new school year. It was filled with study assignments, games, dances and other extra-curricular events.

The Freshman Reception Committee was composed of Josephine Wierzbicki, Shirley Haven, Anne Osborne, Regina Weaver, Richard Pecor, Gene Wasik, and Jack Bianchi. These students represented our class as hosts to the new Freshmen class and also two new faculty members. They were Miss Jean Brignam and Miss Marjorie Allard.

After we were all settled a meeting was held to elect our class officers. The results were as follows: President, Richard Pecor; Vice-President, Regina Weaver.

Try-outs were held to give the girls an opportunity to show their talent as cheerleaders. Barbara Porter was selected as a substitute on the Varsity squad. Josephine Wierzbicki and Shirley Haven were chosen as Co-Captains of the Junior Varsity.

The football squad was well represented by the class of 1954 with Jack Bianchi, Gene Wasik, Joseph Vaccarella, Ray Pluta, James Gallagher and Richard Pecor participating. Gene Wasik was selected on the Marble Valley All-Star team.

Spring was soon here and with it the exciting game of baseball. The boys on the WRHS team were Ray Pluta, Ralph Williams, and Bill Czachor.

The Fashion Show, directed by Miss Allard, was a great success. The girls modeled both Spring and Winter wear. Those taking part included Joan Fadden, Anne Osborne, Shirley Haven, Dorothy Covalt, Bernice Wilk, Sophie Chapla, Janice Gilmore, Carol MacKerney, Regina Weaver, Myrtha Witham,

JUNIOR YEAR

Early in September, the school bells began ringing again. We were glad to greet our friends and fellow-classmates after a long and restful summer vacation.

Soon we acclimated ourselves to the routine again. We elected to represent our class during the coming year, Stanley Zavistoski, president; Sophie Charla, vice president; Joseph Vaccarella, Secretary-treasurer.

In October, football season was soon underway for the Westsiders. Our class placed five men on the varsity squad. The Horde won three games and lost two for the second place finish in the Marble Valley League. Jack Bianchi was selected on the M.V.L. All Star first team, and won a position on the All State eleven. Joseph Vaccarella was chosen on the second league team.

In November, a comedy play, in three act, "I'm a Family Crisis", brought out the acting talents of Stanley Zavistoski, Judy Wener, and Anne Osborne. The play was a great success and was capably directed by Miss Jean Brigham.

The band held a concert during Christmas week. It was a tremendous success through the combined efforts of Nabeloen Ianni and Miss Margaret Bliss. Members of the band from our class include, Henry Socinski, Judy Wener, Anne Osborne, and Stan Zavistoski. Glee Club members were, Joan Fadden, Judy Wener, Josephine Wierzbicki, Anne Osborne, Fred Bachus, James Gallagher, Henry Socinski, Richard Pecor, and Stanley Tygo.

After Christmas vacation, basketball took the spot light. Dick Pecor, Ray Pluta, Gene Wasik, and Joe Voccarella were varsity competitors while Bill Czachor, Jack Bianchi, and Ralph Williams were junior varsity players.

In May, members of the band and glee club auditioned at the Burlington Music Festival for the first time in the history of the West Rutland High School.

In Spring, a boy's fancy turns to baseball. On the WRHS roster were Bill Czachor, Dick Pecor, Ray Pluta, and Ralph Williams.

Anne Osborne and Judy Wener participated in the annual Prize Speaking Contest. Miss Osborne chose, "Daddy Doc", and Miss Wener gave, "Sorry, Wrong Number".

The class of 1954 elected Sophie Chapla, Stanley Zavistoski, and Edward Johnston to represent West Rutland High School at the annual Girl's and Boy's State Convention in June.

SENIOR YEAR

On September 8, 1953, twenty nine seniors started classes for their last year of high school.

Three weeks after school opened, our class elected as officers; president, Stanley Orzech; vice president, Raymond Pluta; secretary, Helen Guardyak; and treasurer, Bernice Wilk. Those elected to serve on the Dance Committee were Shirley Haven, Judy Wener, Gene Wasik and Dick Pecor.

The faculty selected Jody Wierzbicki and Judy Wener as co-captains, Shirley Haven and Anne Osborne as regulars, Carol Mackerney as substitute.

Football took the sports spotlight in the fall. The Golden Horde played five games and the campaign ended with a record of three wins, one loss, and one tie for second place tie with Poultney in the Marble Valley League.

Gene Wasik, a back and Jim Gallagher, a guard, were selected to the Marble Valley All-Star Team. Ray Pluta, an end, and Jack Bianchi, a back were chosen on the second M.V.L. squad. Other seniors who participated were Bill Czachor and Joe Vaccarella.

The Second Annual Christmas concert was held the week before Christmas. Band members who participated were: Henry Socinski, Judy Wener and Anne Osborne. Glee club members from our class included Jody Wierzbicki, Judy Wener, Shirley Haven, Carol Mackerney, Joan Fadden and Henry Socinski. It was a great success due to the efforts of Mr. Napoleon Ianni and Miss Margaret Bliss.

The 1953-1954 Basketball squad had five seniors among its members. Richard Pecor, Ray Pluta, Jack Bianchi, Gene Wasik, Joe

Vaccarella won assignments on the varsity squad.

In May, the W.R.H.S. band played at the Manchester Music Festival while the band and the Glee Club appeared at the State Music Festival at Burlington and performed in a true professional style.

Bill Czachor, Dick Pecor, Ray Pluta, Ralph Williams, Gene Wasik, and Joe Vaccarella were picked to be on the baseball roster for the 1954 season.

On May 24, the senior play, a farce-comedy, "Damsels in Distress" was given. Members of the cast were Judy Wener, Anne Osborne, Therese Glodzik, Myrtha Witham, Jody Wierzbicki and Regina Weaver. Boys were Stan Zavistoski, Tom Listwan, Wally Gill, Jim Gallagher, Jack Bianchi, and Fred Backus. It was acclaimed as an hilarious success. Miss Bliss was the director of the performance.

CLASS POLL

First Choice

Runner Up

Most Popular Girl	Shirley Haven	Anne Osborne
Most Popular Boy	Gene Wasik	Richard Pecor
Best Dressed Girl	Sophie Chapla	Theresa Glodzik
Best Dressed Boy	Stanley Orzech	Ralph Williams
Class Pest	James Gallagher	Kenneth Keezer
Most Dignified Girl	Theresa Glodzik	Myrtha Witham
Most Dignified Boy	Raymond Pluta	Stanley Orzech
Loudest	Judith Wener	Anne Osborne
Outstanding Athlete	Raymond Pluta	Gene Wasik
Most Talkative	Jody Wierzbicki	Judith Wener
Most Talented	Sophie Chapla	Raymond Pluta
Boy Who Has Done Most For Class	Stan Zawistowski	Henry Socinski Stanley Orzech
Girl Who Has Done Most For Class	Sophie Chapla	Jody Wierzbicki
Best Boy Dancer	Gene Wasik	Jack Bianchi
Best Girl Dancer	Shirley Haven	Myrtha Witham
Boy Most Likely To Succeed	Ralph Williams	Stanley Orzech
Girl Most Likely To Succeed	Sophie Chapla	Regina Weaver
Best Looking Girl	Helen Guardyak	Judith Wener
Best Looking Boy	Raymond Pluta	Richard Pecor
Class Wit	Kenneth Keezer	Richard Pecor
Class Out Up	Gene Wasik	Joan Fadden
Most Dated Girl	Anne Osborne	Jody Wierzbicki
Ladies' Man	Edward Johnston	Gene Wasik
Tallest Boy	Raymond Pluta	Richard Pecor
Shortest Boy	Donald Lincoln	Joseph Vaccarella

	<u>First Choice</u>	<u>Runner Up</u>
Tallest Girl	Judith Wener	Irene Marchinkoski
Champion Gum Chewer (Boy)	Fred Backus	Stan Zawistowski
Champion Gum Chewer (Girl)	Carol Mackerney	Anne Osborne
Deepest Thinker	Ralph Williams	Sophie Chapla
Teacher's Pet (Boy)	Jack Bianchi	Joseph Vaccarella
Teacher's Pet (Girl)	Irene Marchinkoski	Jody Wierzbicki
Class Sheik	James Gallagher	Gene Wasik
Class Vamp	Joan Padden	Judith Wener
Class Taxi Driver	William Czachor	Bernice Wilk
Class Musician	Henry Socinski	Anne Osborne
Class Grind (Boy)	Ralph Williams	Stanley Orzech
Class Grind (Girl)	Sophie Chapla	Janice Gilmore
Best Actor	Stanley Orzech	Stan Zawistowski
Best Actress	Judith Wener	Anne Osborne

CLASS

PROPHECY

One beautiful day in the summer of 1974, while relaxing on the patio of my huge estate situated on Tuttle Street, my butler Jeeves, walked in and presented me a telegram. Hurriedly, I scribbled on the dotted line and took the wire. I soon discovered that it was an invitation to a reunion of the Class of 1954, to be held at the Clarendon Springs Hotel. I rang for my maid and told her to make an appointment with the hairdresser for me immediately. Luckily, I had recently purchased one of the latest styled gowns which was made out of the finest organdy.

I was all in a dither the week before this gallant affair and everything seemed to be topsy-turvy, but when it finally arrived I was up about 4:30 a.m. By 5:30 my custom-built Rolls-Royce was waiting at the door for me.

I arrived at the hotel at 11 o'clock and was all upset because I only had an hour in which to powder my nose.

As I walked into the lavishly decorated dining room, I felt a bit out of place after one glance at the glamorously dressed celebrities. At the head table sat Mr. Francis Hinchey, who by the looks of things was trying

Next came a charming couple. It was the former Theresc Glodzik, a fashion designer for "Christian Dior," and in private life is the wife of Ralph Williams, a world-famed chemist at an army experimental station in Arizona. Ralph had recently created such an explosion that people from nearby towns thought it was the Cobalt bomb.

Also in the party was Ray Pluta, owner of IGA stores throughout New England. Ray was escorting his newest interest, Judy Wener, who is an X-Ray technician at Barkley hospital in Palm Beach, Florida.

Bill Czachor, owner of Czachor's filling station in Center Rutland, came in with Carol Mackernoy, a nurse in Shoo-Shun Flats Hospital in California. It's funny that Carol became a nurse everyone expected her to be a pawn broker because of the collection of class rings she used to have in high school. Billy is in the progress of making a new "Super-Jet." He's coming along fine; it should be finished in about another 30 years.

Dick Pecor, a famous comedian on the Milton Berle T.V. show, was accompanied by Janice Gilmore who had just returned home from missionary work in India where her influence helped subdue a native uprising. Dick immediately began cracking a few of his well-known jokes and was creating quite a hilarious show.

Shortly after, Shirley Haven, the well-known stock-car driver of the Indianapolis Speedway, arrived. Shirley recently won a trophy for winning a race in her souped-up

had recently finished a painting of "Whistler's Uncle" appeared with Don Lincoln. Don manufacturers "Old Man Alder's" elevated shoes in Manhattan. The reason that Don had started this business was because he knew that one way or another he was bound to go up.

An attractive couple, Irene Marchinkoski, the assistant manager at Fishman's, and Eddy Johnston, owner of the largest farm estate in Vermont, arrived next-followed by their two youngsters who were all decked out in their newest dungarees and cowboy boots. Irene was slaving to become the manager, but has little success so far. Eddy was dressed in his Boy Scout uniform. He is the chief scout-master of the Ira Troop, #263.

Myrtha Witham, the famous public speaker, who is now taking over McCarthy's place in the Senate, came with "Pep" Vaccarella. He now holds a permanent job as janitor at Joe Bove's Cafeteria in West Rutland. Peppy hopes he will soon be able to stand behind the counter and tell others to lay something on the table besides their elbows. Myrtha has been on a two weeks vacation after a bitter row with the Marines Corps over extended week-end passes.

I noticed Helen Guardyak, recently chosen "Miss Grapefruit". She's now married to Jimmy Gallagher, the Mayor of Levittown, L.I. Helen was running all over the lobby passing out free grapefruits to all her classmates, while Jim was giving a speech on "Safety First", to impress all those present to vote for him in the November election.

desperately to keep in style with Alexander Snodgrass; famous young actor from Hollywood. He was sporting a pink shirt with light green trousers.

As I sat at my table looking around I noticed a cute couple enter the dining room. It was none other than Johnny Bianchi, who was now foreman of Checker Parkman's dude ranch and his wife, the former Anne Osborne, who had become a noted pianist after playing several times at the Chippenhook Grange Hall.

In the next group that appeared was Geno Wasik, a professional football player for the Detroit Lions. Gene had recently won a game single-handedly against the Cleveland Browns. He escorted Regina Weaver the now famous Equestrienne who has been working for the Barnum and Bailey Circus. Regina is also the owner of a 5,000 acre horse ranch in Southern California.

Suddenly, we heard quite a commotion. It sounded like a real argument was in the making. Ken Keezor, a wealthy Texas oil and cattle man, and Hank Socinski owner of the "Rock of Ages" granite business and director of Vermont Symphony Orchestra, were exchanging words. The two were arguing over the appearance of five aces in the deck of cards in a friendly little poker game.

It was about time to eat and there were several classmates who had not yet arrived. Suddenly, they seemed to converge on the scene all at once.

Sophie Chapla, an art teacher at Hunter College, who

green '41 Plymouth. She came with Stan Zavistaski, the National Guard Cook. His name is plastered on billboards all over the nation, advertising his delicious coffee, donuts, and banana cream popovers.

Stan Orzech, the Clark Gable of the present day and Academy Award winner, appeared with his TWO dates, Jody Wierzbicki and Joanie Fadden. When Stan appeared in the doorway there were sighs galore. He is noted for being a woman charmer. Jody Wierzbicki, is now manager of Kenny's Creamery, because her husband has made a lifetime career in the navy. Joan Fadden, a hair-dresser, is noted for dyeing hair green. This came about after she attempted to give her mother-in-law a permanent, and accidentally dropped a capsule of green dye into the solution. Since then this shade, "Sea Foam Green," has been the latest style in the social world.

Last but not least, Freddy Backus, one of the best tonsorial artists in the U. S. escorted Bernie Wilk. Fred became prominent when he attended at the Headless Horsemen's International Convention after he had given himself a permanent. He now operates beauty shops exclusively for men. Bernie, is a seamstress, who became renowned all over the country after designing and making a pair of trunks for Bill Melby, who is now a retired champion.

After meeting and chatting with all of our old classmates we enjoyed a hearty feast which broke up early---- in the morning, that is. By the time I had gathered all my belongings and headed home it was with a feeling of great satisfaction that I was able to attend this unforgettable



D. LINCOLN



A. OSBORNE



J. BIANCHI



M. WITHAM



H. SOCINSKI



I. MARCHINKOSKI



J. WENER



B. WILK



C. MACKERNEY



J. FADDEN



R. WILLIAMS



S. HAVEN

PASTIMES

FRED BACKUS-Acted as chief supervisor of the Claredon 4-H club. Let's hope the members profited by his advice.

JOHN BIANCHI-was buzzing from place to place trying to find Ann, even though the gas situation was low.

SOPHIE CHAPLA-spent her time sewing. Are you trying to compete with the "Ten Best Dressed Women in America," Sophie?

WILLIAM CZACHOR-was often seen hitching a ride back and forth to school. There were some cold days weren't there Bill?

JOAN FADDEN-could often be observed writing letters to Jack. Too bad you couldn't have gone with him, Joan.

JAMES GALLAGHER- spent quite a bit of time "looking for prospects" in Rutland. Would glasses help, Jim?

JANICE GILMORE-"the class pest", concentrated upon pestering her fellow classmates. You sure did a good job, Janice.

HELEN GUARDYAK-was always on the prowl for a new beau. If at first, you don't succeed, try and try again.

THERESA GLODZIK-stayed home to study for those Chemistry tests. It sure paid off, didn't it Theresa.

SHIRLEY HAVEN-the half pint of the class, has tried everything; She even ate pills five times a day, to get added height. Didn't work did it, Shirley?

EDWARD JOHNSTON-was forever sleeping in the study hall during the last period in the afternoon. A little sleep sure helps doesn't it, Ed?

KEN KLEZER-spent most of his spare time playing "45" at the Esso. How are the full houses running?

DON LINCOLN-enjoyed telling the boys jokes in the study hall. Got any new ones to tell, Don?

IRENE MARCHINKOSKI-used her leisure time writing to "a certain someone" at Ithaca. What were the results Irene?

STANLEY ORZECH-had to work out new Chemistry experiments.
You and Albert will be working side by side someday,
Stan.

ANN OSBORNE AND CAROL MACKERNEY-the class live wires, kept
their classmates and teachers forever on-the-go.
Maybe they'll get to rest now.

RICHARD PECOR-was often seen walking up Pleasant St. Hill.
I think we all know the reason.

RAY PLUTA-was always trying to develop a new hook shot.
You'll never match Goose, Ray.

HENRY SOCINSKI-practiced constantly on his trumpet to
become a second Harry James. Keep up the good work
Henry, someday you'll be known as the "Man With The
Horn."

JOE VACCARELLA-was always thinking of an easier way to scrub
Bove's Restaurant. "Duz does everything," Peppy.

GENE WASIK-was often spotted trudging up Highland Avenue in
Rutland. Who is that certain someone, Gene?

REGINA WEAVER-was the "anchor man" who helped the Bookkeeping
class out of the woods. P.S. I guess everyone passed.

JODY WIERZBICKI-the shorthand "whiz-kid", practiced her art
by writing letters in shorthand to Kenny. Are you sure
he can read it, Jody?

JUDY WENER-the vivacious one. She kept her classmates
spirits up when things were rough. We sure need you,
Judy.

BERNICE WILK-busied herself repairing electric poles from
Center Rutland to West Rutland. Better start your
own business, Bernie.

RALPH WILLIAMS-made valuable use of his time to increase
his knowledge. It will surely pay off in time, Ralph.

MYRTHA WITHAM-tried to increase her sales of socks at Wool-
worth's. We wonder how many pairs she sold?

STANLEY ZAVISTASKI-was always thinking of a way to get
transferred from the National Guard to the Foreign
Boy Scouts. Didn't you know the war is over, Stan?



FRIENDS



KINDA' CUTE!



DEER OR DEAR?



SHY?



OH - BETTY!



Dig that DAME!



Hot-Diggity Dog?



CHECK THAT!



Sitting PRETTY



ALL SET
CROSS OVER the BRIDGE



Dignified
Volga boat men

How about THAT



ALPHABET

- A is for Anne so peppy and gay
She's nonchalant in every way.
- B stands for Bernie and Bianchi pals good and true
Quiet and friendly they never seem blue.
- C is for Chapla and Czachor too
Both so good in everything they do.
- D stands for Donald, not very tall.
Humorous and cheerful, but that's not all.
- E is for Edward who sleeps in school
Don't kid yourself, he's nobody's fool.
- F stands for Fred, always on-the-go
Liked by all, and has no foe.
- G is for Gallagher and Gilmore
Counting all the G's we have four.
- H stands for Helen, also Henry
We'll always keep them in our mem'ry.
- I is for Irene, helpful and kind
When told to do things, she doesn't mind.
- J stands for Jody, Judy, and Joan
Three good pals who'll always be known.
- K is for Keezer, that jolly guy
He's known for his laugh, a little sly.
- L stands for Lena Segale to us
She's one of our teachers, never made a fuss.
- M is for Myrtha and Mackerney too
Always humorous, like this there are few.

- N stands for Norby, our teacher well-known
Never a dull moment in class was shown.
- O is for Orzech, the president of our class
A gentlemen too; he'll always pass.
- P stands for Pecor, tall and lanky
He's never found to be dull or cranky.
- Q is for the quizzes we always had
These we disliked, though they weren't too bad.
- R stands for Regina and Ray
Never gloomy, come what may.
- S is for Shirley the shortest one
She could be found where there was a lot of fun.
- T stands for Theresa, friendly and neat
Her lady-like manner can't be beat.
- U is for us, the Seniors we are
We hope you remember us, whether near or far.
- V stands for Vaccarella, Peppy is his name
He tried to do his best while playing in a game.
- W is for Wasik and Williams, there's two
We'll remember them, whatever we do.
- X stands for "xams" we studied so for
Now we won't have to anymore.
- Y is for you, friends all the way
You always seemed to be happy and gay.
- Z stands for Zawistoske, he's the last one
But nevertheless, this was a lot of fun.

Josephine Vierzbicki

PRESENTATIONS

FRED BACKUS A car. Now you'll be able to keep in touch with all of us. That is, unless it runs out of gas.

JOHN BIANCHI A bus ticket to New Hampshire to visit Colby Junior College. When you get lonesome, it certainly will come in handy.

SOPHIE CHAPLIN A two-year contract as art editor on the staff of "Seventeen" magazine. After all, you had a lot of experience with the Green & Gold News.

BILL CZACHOR A quart of oil. This will replace some of that which you used in giving the boys a ride.

JOAN FADDEY A wig. Now you can start practicing as a beautician.

JAMES GALLAGHER A medal. You deserve this for doing such a good job as "Pride of the Senior Class."

JANICE GILMORE An airplane. This will come in handy when you take those trips from Ire to Africa doing missionary work.

THERESA GLODZIK Some wire to help you set up your own telegraph station between Notre Dame and Fitchburg.

HELEN GUARDYAK A driver's manual. From the looks of your father's garage, we all agree you'll need it.

SHIRLEY HAVEN A curler. You'll be able to use this on your first victim--I mean, customer.

EDWARD JOHNSTON Rubber heels for your shoes. You always did like to make a lot of noise while walking through the halls in school.

KENNETH KEEZER An alarm clock. Maybe this will help you on those days you sleep over.

DONALD LINCOLN A pair of high heels. A couple of inches in height won't hurt, will it Stub?

IRENE MARCHINKOSKI A key to Fishman's Store. Much success in your career as manager.

CAROL MACKERNEY A piece of bubble gum. This is to help you keep up your reputation as champion gum chewer.

- STANLEY ORZECH A football helmet so you'll be able to star
for the Holy Cross Crusaders next year.
- ANNE OSBORNE A frog. This is to remind you of a certain boy
in these parts while attending Colby.
- RICHARD PRCOR A joke book; not that you need one, Pike.
- RAYMOND PLUTA A picture of a girl. Just to remind you that
women do exist.
- HENRY SOCINSKI A toy trumpet. You can't make as much noise
with this one as with your real one.
- JOSEPH VACCARELLA A chauffeur's license. You had enough
experience driving Mr. Hinchey's car.
- EUGENE WASIK Dye to match your hair with that of a certain
brunette you've been dating.
- REGINA WEAVER A statuette of a horse. This will help you to
get started with your horse farm.
- JUDY WENER A recorder. Now you can hear yourself talk, Judy.
- JODY WIERZBICKI A box of stationery. You'll need it, now
that Kenny is in the Navy, and so far away.
- RALPH WILLIAMS A new chess board. We know the one you have
must be worn out after all those sessions
with your brother.
- BERNICE WILK A season ticket to all the wrestling bouts which
appear in this territory.
- MYRTHA WITHAM A ruler. You'll need this after you graduate
from Castleton Teacher's College.
- STANLEY ZAVISTASKI Some polish to shine all those medals you
received with the National Guard.



DARE-DEVIL



PALSI



Cute Chick!



Sophisticated



THE GANG



Wow!



WATCH
OUT



MAKIN' MUSIC



Havin'
FUN



Cute couple



ALL DRESSED UP!



Bicycle
SHIRL



Big??
Boy??



Jeepers!

CLASS WILL

Sophie Chapla wills her artistic ability to Faye Humphreys. The whole school enjoyed Sophie's cartoons and we're sure they'll enjoy yours too, Faye.

Stanley Orzech leaves his English Literature book to anyone who craves Shakespeare.

Carol Mackerney leaves her brother Joe to the Freshman girls. We hope there'll be no fights.

Stanley Zawistowski just wants to leave, period(.

Joan Fadden doesn't want to give anything away, she wants to keep everything, including Jack.

Anne Osborne wills her characteristic laugh to Faye Nelson. You have a very good start Faye, keep it up.

Henry Socinski wills his musical notes to his brother John.

Shirley Haven bequeaths her dancing ability to Sandra Fredette. Shirley always could "cut a neat rug," and we hope you'll fill Shirley's shoes.

Jimmy Gallagher wills his place as the "Pride of the Senior Class" to John Petty. "Hitch your wagon to a star," John, as Jimmy did.

Gene Wasik leaves his ability to remember chemistry formulas to Thomas Listzwan. We can assure you, Tommy, you'll need it.

Theresa Glodzick leaves her position as Literary Editor on the Green and Gold Weekly to Dotsy Stomper.

Ray Pluta bequeaths his height and ability in sports to "Louie" Johnson, who already has a good start.

Regina Weaver wills her good luck as a huntress to her sister, Faith. We hope you'll be able to keep up with Regina's squirrel quota, Faith.

Ralph Williams leaves his text books to Frankie Salengo. We know you'll use them just as much as Ralph did, Frankie.

Kenneth Keezer bequeaths his ability to skip school without getting caught, to his sister Kaye, who has been having quite a little trouble at the art.

Irene Marchinkoski and Helen Guardyak leave their job as Miss Hinchey's Mimeographers to Celia Siementkoski and Margaret Turner.

Billy Czachor bequeaths his locker to Frankie Smolinski.

Jody Wierzbicki wills her typing and shorthand skill to her sister, Leona. Jody always was a whiz and we hope you'll be the same, Leona.

Myrtha Witham, the girl who kept us laughing, bequeaths her quick humor to Frannie Hyjek. Frannie is about the same height as "Mert" and we're sure Frannie will help to keep things gay and sunny during her coming senior year.

Edward Johnston and Pep Vaccarella leave a little peace and quiet in Typing II class to Miss Segali.

Bernice Wilk wills her infectious smile to Shirley McGinley. The Seniors found Bernie's smile very catchy, and we know you will find it an asset also, Shirley.

Richard Pecor wills his place on the Senior Dance Committee to Dick Smyrski. We're sure you'll have plenty of original ideas too, Dick.

Janice Gilmore bequeaths her quiet observant manner to Beatrice Elari. Janice's motto was "Eyes and ears open; mouth closed," which we believe has served her well in the past four years.

Fred Backus wills his seat in the Senior home room to Leonard Socinski.

Jack Bianchi leaves his football shoes to that promising young smasher, "Squeakles" Johnson.

Don Lincoln leaves his physique to Bob Breznick. Donny could "lick his weight in wild cats," Bob, and we think you'll be able to do the same.

Judy Wener leaves her collection of servicemens' addresses to anyone who doesn't mind writer's cramp and who can afford the postage.

To the teachers: we leave our deenest respect and appreciation, although at times, we may not have shown it.

To the Underclassmen: we leave a beautiful and wonderful school, West Rutland High School, and in this institution, we enjoyed the best year's of our lives.

by

Judith Wener

&

Richard Pecor

SONG

Though years must come and years must go,
Dear Westside High we want you to know
That as we leave forever today
Mem'ries of you will always stay.

CHORUS:

The class of 1954
Now says good-bye forevermore,
With fondest mem'ries we leave today
Old Westside High we wish we could stay.

We'll ne'er forget our graduation day
Now the future must lead the way
Dear friends and teachers our thanks to you
For guiding us our four years through.

POEM

Filled with emotion, we hesitate
on the ~~brink~~ of our young life,
Soon to begin a matured trajectory
Be it happy or of strife.

These four years were spent
as best they could be,
To our parents, teachers, friends
we wish God will bless Thee.

With pride, gladness, friendship, and love
we undertake the power
To carry on the memory of
This happy, shining hour.

FOOTBALL





FOOTBALL

FRONT ROW: (Left to right) Raymond Pluta, Edward Fabian, James Gallagher, Thomas Listzwan, Richard Pecor, Thomas Harrison, John Socinski.

SECOND ROW: Leo Tyminski, Richard Smyrski, Joseph Vaccarella, Captain Eugene Wasik, Ronald Werchenski, John Bianchi, Lester Johnson, Stanley Pietryka.

BACK ROW: Paul Johnson, William Thompson, Edward Hultz, Richard Tretowicz, William Czachor, James Yatsik, Thomas Harte, Joseph Johnson.

Displaying good team play, balance, depth, and drive, the 1953 edition of West Rutland High School football completed one of its most successful campaigns in many years. Coach Frank Hinchey's charges copped three victories, tied one contest, and lost two in gaining a second place finish in the Marble Valley League.

Two West Rutland players were named to the All-League first eleven. They were fullback Gene Wasik, and right guard Jim Gallagher. The squad was selected by coaches and officials of the league.

In the opening game of the season, superior offensive and defensive play on the part of the Alumni eleven downed the West-siders, 14 to 2. The proceeds of this contest were donated by Coach Hinchey to the Jimmy Fund Cancer Drive.

Using a varied passing and running attack, the Hincheymen scored their first win of the season by upending Fair Haven, 27 to 0, behind the passing of Joe Vaccarella and the running of Gene Wasik, John Bianchi, and Ronnie Werchenski.

Poultney High School quickly dimmed the chances of an MVL title by upsetting WRHS, 7 to 6. Poor offensive playing, both in the backfield and line, enabled Poultney to win after a hard fight.

West Side notched its third decision with an impressive 26 to 0 triumph over Middlebury. Sharp passing, hard running and great line play paved the way to victory.

A tie with Woodstock erased practically all hopes for a title. After trailing 7 to 0 at the half, WRHS scored in the third period, converted the extra point and tied, 7 to 7.

In the final game of the season, West Rutland over-powered a heavier Burr & Burton eleven by the score of 18 to 7. In this

game, Vacarella completed eleven passes to lead the Horde to victory.

Seven seniors were on the 1953 squad. They include Bill Czachor, Jim Gallagher, Gene Wasik, Ray Pluta, John Bianchi, Dick Pecor and Joe Vaccarella.

1953 Results

WRHS	2	Alumni	13
WRHS	27	Fair Haven	0
WRHS	6	Poultney	7
WRHS	26	Middlebury	0
WRHS	7	Woodstock	7
WRHS	<u>18</u>	Burr & Burton	<u>7</u>
Totals	86	Totals	34

Marble Valley League Standings

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>
Poultney	4	1	0
WEST RUTLAND	3	1	1
Woodstock	3	1	1
Burr & Burton	2	3	0
Fair Haven	1	4	0
Middlebury	0	5	0

WRHS



BASKET
BALL

1953-54



BASKETBALL

FRONT ROW: (Left to right) Manager Thomas Listzwan, Joseph Vaccarella, Richard Pecor, Captain Raymond Pluta, John Socinski, Eugene Wasik, Coach Francis N. Hinchey.

BACK ROW: (Left to right) Richard Smyrski, John Bianchi, Edward Fabian, Stanley Pietryka, Lester Johnson.

In the Southern Vermont League West Rutland floored a starting quintet of Joe Vaccarella and Gene Wasik at forwards, John Socinski at center, and Ray Pluta and Dick Pecor guards.

The reserve squad consisted of Les Johnson, Ed Fabian, Johnny Bianchi, Stan Pietryka and Dick Symerski.

The first game was at the Armory against MSJ which West Rutland lost, 67-46. Brattleboro then met West Side in West Rutland only to lose to an inspire Golden Horde team 44-43, Wasik again broke this one up, but it was the last minute free throws by Ed Fabian that clinched the game. The Hordemen then lost to favored Rutland High, 59-43, and dropped a squeaker to Springfield, 60-59. Then the West Siders defeated Bennington in a close game at home 56-54, and overpowered Windsor for their first win away from home, 67-57. Bellows Falls then broke West Sides winning ways in a wild game, 70-62. West Rutland traveled to Brattleboro and dropped a 51-50 decision to the Colonels, and then upended a favored Rutland team at home, 52-50 in an amazing finish. Wasik and Pluta starred defensively, with Pecor scoring the game winning basket in the last minute of play. The Golden Horde lost to Springfield, 62-52, and also to Bennington, 58-41. They then defeated Windsor, 52-43. The Hincheymen ended the road campaign at Bellows Falls and dropped a 72-49 count to the Terriers. In the finale at West Side, the Hordemen lost to MSJ 64-53.

Thus, West Rutland ended the SLV campaign with a record of five wins, and nine losses, for a fifth place finish in the standings. The season's record stood at eight victories and twelve set-backs.

Losing a heart-breaking two-point decision to an inspired Chester High School team in the Rotary Tournament, put the wrapper on the 1953-54 West Rutland High School basketball campaign.

After splitting six games in the Pre-Southern Vermont League season, the Hincheymen registered a 5-9 circuit record. However, the one bright spot was West Rutland's impressive 52-50 win over our arch-rival Rutland High. The loss was the first in league competition for the Redmen and their initial defeat after 9 straight verdicts.

The Golden Horde opened the Pre-Southern Vermont League season by defeating a favored Alumni quintet twice before inaugurating the regular schedule.

In the first game of the season, West Rutland traveled to Granville, N.Y. only to lose by a 45-42 score. The following game with Proctor at home showed the West Rutland fans the spirit and power of their team which downed Proctor, 53-43. In the return contest at Proctor, West Side lost, 43-37. This was the first game to be played in the new Proctor gymnasium. The following tilt with Granville the Golden Horde showed again their aggressiveness by winning, 41-33. West Side then moved to Pittsford where they were unable to cope with the red-hot McCormackmen and lost, 63-51. At West Rutland, however, Gene Wasik and Richard Pecore, spearheaded the offense to defeat the Panthers, 63-56. The preliminary round of the schedule for West Rutland ended with the Hincheymen posting a record of three wins and three losses.

The Golden Horde was then ordered by the Vermont Headmasters to oppose Brandon in a Class B playoff for a district tournament berth. West Rutland won, 64-49, behind the offensive and defensive play of Gene Wasik and Ray Plute. Thus, they entered the tournament against the powerhouse from Chester who defeated the Golden Horde last year.

WRHS, a slight favorite, lost, 53-56 on the deadly shooting of Mike Nason who scored a total of 39 points. Chester went on to defeat Pittsford to win the Class B Championship for Southern Vermont, and also to defeat St. Michaels of Montpelier to win the Class B State title.

West Rutland placed Dick Pecor and Ray Plute, who played a great game both offensive and defensive against Chester, on the Class B All Tournament team. Gene Wasik was elected on the second five All Southern Vermont League team. He placed sixth in the selections.

Five members of this year's team will be graduated in June. They include Gene Wasik, Joe Vaccarella, John Bianchi, Ray Plute, and Richard Pecor.

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

PLAYER	GP	FG	FLS	TP
J. Vaccarella	20	41	29	111
J. Bianchi	22	17	13	47
G. Wasik	21	99	74	272
J. Socinski	22	72	65	209
R. Pecor	22	90	41	221
R. Pluta	22	78	47	203
L. Johnson	4	3	0	6
R. Smyrski	21	23	13	59
E. Fabian	12	3	6	12
S. Pietryka	3	1	1	3
R. Werchenski	1	0	0	0
TOTALS	22	427	289	1143

STATISTICS

GP	GA	GM	AVE
22	1438	427	.296
FA	FM	AVE	
538	289	.537	

TEAM SCHEDULE

WEST RUTLAND	OPPONENT	
42	Granville N. Y.	45
53	Proctor	43
37	Proctor	48
41	Granville N. Y.	38
51	Pittsford	68
68	Pittsford	56
46	MSJ	67
44	Brattleboro	43
43	Rutland	59
59	Springfield	60
56	Bennington	54
67	Windsor	57
62	Bellows Falls	70
50	Brattleboro	51
52	Rutland	50
52	Springfield	62
41	Bennington	58
52	Windsor	48
49	Bellows Falls	72
58	MSJ	64
64	Brandon (Playoff)	49
56	Chester (Tournament)	53
1143		1220



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BASEBALL



FIRST ROW: Gene Wasik, Ralph Williams, Joseph Vaccarella,
Richard Pecor, William Czachor, Raymond Pluta.

SECOND ROW: Lester Johnson, Edward Fabian, Stanley Pietryka,
Thomas Harrison, Ronald Werchenski, Richard
Smyrski.

West Rutland High School's Golden Horde finished the 1954 baseball season with eight wins, four losses, and one tie, a third place tie in the Marble Valley League for 1954.

In the first game of the season, righthander Dick Pecor allowed two hits, two runs, fanned twelve, and walked two as the Horde slammed Ludlow High, 8 to 2.

Chester was the Horde's second victim by the score of 11 to 3. The West Side nine clobbered three opposing pitchers for twelve hits, including three doubles, and nine singles.

St. Peter's Field was the scene of the third game of the campaign. Dick Pecor gained his second straight verdict by blanking M. S. J., 4 to 0. Both pitchers were stingy with hits, Pecor allowing five hits, while the M. S. J. moundsmen yielded six safety blows.

West Side returned home for a game with Proctor, the first of a three game series with that club. "Skip" Pietryka, sophomore southpaw, gave up nine hits as the Horde battered the Phantoms, 11 to 2.

Brandon, not considered as a strong contender for the M. V. L. championship, handed West Side its first loss 3 to 2. West Side's Dick Pecor held the visitors to three hits, but loose fielding, plus two wild pitches enabled Brandon to come up on top.

West Rutland defeated Burr & Burton Seminary, 5 to 1, for their fifth win of the season. Righthander Ray Pluta held B&B to one lone hit, a single in the fifth inning, while the opposing pitcher was touched for two singles.

Poultney High School handed the Hincheymen their second defeat of the campaign by the score of 4 to 2. This game was marred by loose fielding by both clubs.

The second contest with Proctor, was called at the end of six innings because of rain. The score at the time was 4 to 4.

A newcomer to the scene of Southern Vermont baseball, Middletown Springs, cashed in on poor fielding, and poor pitching, as they defeated the Horde, 9 to 1.

Centerfielder Gene Wasik exploded with his first two hits of the season, one a single and the other a home run, as the Horde trounced Wallingford, 9 to 0. The pitching of Dick Pecor proved too much for the Foxes as they were held to four hits, including three singles and one double.

Ray Pluta pitched his second one-hitter of the season, as West Side defeated Middlebury High School, 4 to 2, at Hinchey Field. This was the Horde's seventh win in eleven games.

League leading Pittsford High School cashed in on three errors as they beat West Side, 3 to 1, in the second last game of the season. West Side's record now stood at seven wins and four losses.

Exploding for six runs in the last two frames, the Hordemen nipped Fair Haven, 6 to 4 to post the eight victory in the final game of the campaign.

Six seniors, including B. Czachor, D. Pecor, G. Wasik, R. Pluta, J. Vaccarella, and R. Williams, played their last athletic contest for W. R. H. S. Next year, West Rutland will have seven returning veterans and should have a strong club.

SEASON'S STATISTICS

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"	"	"	"	8-	6-	2	Ludlow	2-	2-	3
"	"	"	"	11-	11-	1	Chester	3-	5-	2
"	"	"	"	4-	6-	1	M.S.J.	0-	5-	2
"	"	"	"	11-	11-	1	Proctor	2-	5-	4
"	"	"	"	2-	8-	4	Brandon	3-	3-	1
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"	"	"	"	2-	4-	2	Poultney	4-	5-	3
"	"	"	"	4-	5-	3*	Proctor	4-	5-	2
"	"	"	"	1-	3-	1	Middleton	9-	9-	4
"	"	"	"	9-	13-	0	Wallingford	0-	4-	5
"	"	"	"	4-	6-	3	Middlebury	2-	1-	2
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"	"	"	"	6-	5-	1	Fair Haven	4-	7-	4

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Name	Throws	G.P.	R.O.	H.O.	B.B.	S.O.	W.	L.	Pct.
R. Pluta	R	3	6	7	6	10	3	0	1.000
R. Pecor	R	7	16	26	13	51	4	3	.571
S. Pietryka	L	2	11	18	2	8	1	1	.500
E. Fabian	R	1*	2	4	2	5	0	0	.000
R. Werchonski	R	1*	2	2	4	4	0	0	.000

* Called at end of sixth inning because of rain.

Name	AB	H	D	T	HR	BB	AVE.
J. Vaccarella	23	7	0	0	0	3	.304
R. Pluta	42	15	5	1	0	7	.357
S. Pietryka	37	11	2	0	0	7	.297
R. Williams	6	2	0	0	0	6	.333
E. Fabian	35	10	3	0	0	5	.285
R. Pecor	46	13	1	0	0	3	.281
L. Johnson	40	9	1	0	0	10	.225
R. Smyrski	45	10	2	0	0	6	.222
R. Werchonski	33	5	0	0	0	11	.151
E. Wasik	29	4	0	0	1	5	.137
W. Czachor	9	0	0	0	0	0	.000
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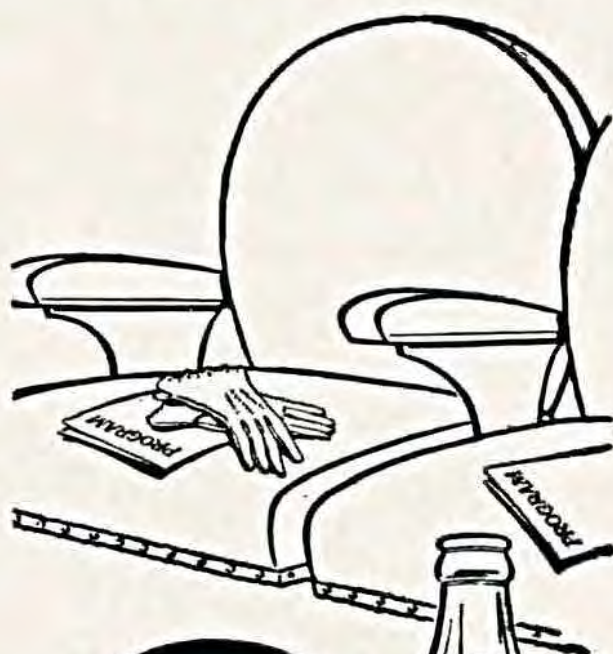
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